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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Report of the Second Committee (Part I)*

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1991, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled:

"Development and international economic cooperation:

"(a) Trade and development;

"(b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s;

"(c) World Decade for Cultural Development;

"(d) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries;

"(e) Environment;

"(f) Desertification and drought;

"(g) Human settlements;

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* The report of the Committee on this item will be issued in 12 parts (see also A/46/645/Add.1-11).

"(h) Science and technology for development;

"(i) Entrepreneurship;

"(j) Effective mobilization and integration of women in development"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a general discussion on the item at the 18th to 21st, 33rd, 38th to 41st, 48th to 50th and 52nd meetings on 17, 21 and 24 October, 6, 11 to 13, 20, 21 and 27 November, and in particular on sub-item (j), at its 18th meeting on 17 October. The general discussion on sub-items (d) and (i) was held at the 19th to 21st meetings on 21 and 24 October. The general discussion on sub-item (c) was held at the 33rd meeting on 6 November. The general discussion on sub-items (a), (b) and (h) was held at the 38th to 41st meetings, on 11-13 November. The general discussion on sub-items (e), (f) and (g) was held at the 48th to 50th and 52nd meetings, on 20, 21 and 27 November. An account of the Committee's general discussion on the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/46/SR.18-21, 33, 38-41, 48-50 and 52). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 9th meetings from 1 to 4 October (see A/C.2/46/SR.3-9). An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item will be given in addenda to the present report as follows:

A/46/645/Add.1:	Questions not relating to specific sub-items
A/46/645/Add.2:	sub-item (a)
A/46/645/Add.3:	sub-item (b)
A/46/645/Add.4:	sub-item (c)
A/46/645/Add.5:	sub-item (d)
A/46/645/Add.6:	sub-item (e)
A/46/645/Add.7:	sub-item (f)
A/46/645/Add.8:	sub-item (g)
A/46/645/Add.9:	sub-item (h)
A/46/645/Add.10:	sub-item (i)
A/46/645/Add.11 (Part A):	sub-item (j)
A/46/645/Add.11 (Part B):	sub-item (j)

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

A/46/3	Report of the Economic and Social Council for 1991 1/
A/46/74	Letter dated 1 February 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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1/ To be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/46/3/Rev.1).

A/46/163	Letter dated 1 May 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the statement by the Supreme Soviet of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic in connection with the fifth anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster
A/46/273	Letter dated 26 June 1991 from the Permanent Representatives of Bulgaria and the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the Joint Communiqué signed by Mr. Leonid M. Kravchuck, Chairman of the Supreme Soviet (President) of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and Mr. Nikolai Todorov, Chairman of the Great National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria, at Kiev, on 13 April 1991
A/46/283- E/1991/114	Letter dated 2 July 1991 from the representatives of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the Declaration which the participants in the third Meeting of the Council of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the USSR and the Federated Republics adopted, in Minsk, on 28 June 1991, concerning the United Nations efforts to mitigate the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster
A/46/309- S/22807	Letter dated 17 July 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the final documents of the London Economic Summit, held from 15 to 17 July 1991
A/46/315	Note verbale dated 17 July 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General enclosing the Final Statement of the Ninth Session of the Interaction Council (Prague, Czech and Slovak Federative Republic, 30 May to 2 June 1991)
A/46/317- S/22823	Letter dated 22 July 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Guadalajara Declaration at the conclusion of the first Ibero-American Summit, on 19 July 1991

A/46/322	Letter dated 23 July 1991 from the representatives of Germany and Poland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting annexed information on the Treaty on Good Neighbourliness and Friendly Cooperation of 17 June 1991 between the Federal Republic of Germany and the Republic of Poland
A/46/323- S/22836	Letter dated 22 July 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the joint communiqué of the twenty-fourth ASEAN Ministerial Meeting, issued at Kuala Lumpur on 20 July 1991
A/46/336	Letter dated 1 August 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Saint Kitts and Nevis to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General forwarding the Final Communiqué of the Twelfth Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community concluded at Basseterre, Saint Kitts and Nevis, on 4 July 1991
A/46/344	Letter dated 5 August 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Vanuatu to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the final communiqué of the twenty-second South Pacific Forum, held at Palikir, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia, on 29 and 30 July 1991
A/46/345	Letter dated 1 August 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the appeal by the Supreme Soviet of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic to the European Parliament
A/46/385	Report of the Secretary-General on economic stabilization programmes in developing countries
A/46/437	Letter dated 6 September 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the "General Outline for the Revitalization of the United Nations" submitted by the Permanent Mechanism for Consultation and Concerted Political Action (Rio Group)
A/46/448	Report of the President of the Economic and Social Council on the outcome of the informal exchange of views held in the Economic and Social Council on the report of the South Commission

A/46/486-S/23055	Letter dated 19 September 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the texts of the documents adopted by the twentieth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held at Istanbul from 4 to 8 August 1991
A/46/501 and Rev.1	Letter dated 12 August 1991 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General drawing attention to the letter and its annex addressed to the Secretary-General by the Permanent Representative of Vanuatu (A/46/344)
A/46/520	Letter dated 1 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Ghana to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the declaration of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the member States of the Group of 77 adopted on 30 September 1991 on the occasion of their fifteenth annual meeting, held at United Nations Headquarters in New York
A/46/526	Letter dated 1 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a document entitled "Encyclical Letter Centesimus Annus addressed by the Supreme Pontiff John Paul II to his venerable brothers in the Episcopate, the priests and deacons, families of men and women religious, all the Christian faithful and to all men and women of good will on the hundredth anniversary of Rerum Novarum"
A/46/581	Letter dated 17 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Manila Declaration on a Social Development Strategy for the ESCAP Region towards the Year 2000 and Beyond, adopted by the Fourth Asian and Pacific Ministerial Conference on Social Welfare and Social Development, held at Manila from 7 to 11 October 1991
A/C.2/46/4	Letter dated 27 September 1991 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the final declaration of the World Forestry Congress, held in Paris from 17-26 September 1991

A/C.2/46/6	Letter dated 18 October 1991 from the Chairman of the Fifth Committee to the Chairman of the Second Committee
A/C.2/46/9	Letter dated 28 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Kuwait to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Final Communiqué of the Fourth Extraordinary Meeting of the Council of the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME)
A/C.2/46/12 and Add.1	Letter dated 8 November 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a report of the Commonwealth Group of Experts entitled "Change for the better: global change and economic development", endorsed by the Meeting of Heads of Government of the Commonwealth in Harare, 16-22 October 1991
A/C.2/46/L.5	Note by the Secretariat on the international conference on money and finance for development

(a) Trade and development

A/46/3	Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. V, sect. B.1 1/
A/46/15 Supplement No. 15 Vols. I and II	Report of the Trade and Development Board
A/46/496 and Add.1	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on progress in the implementation of specific action related to the particular needs and problems of the land-locked developing countries
A/46/564	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on the consultations on the Draft International Code of Conduct on the Transfer of Technology
A/46/565	Note by the Secretary-General on strengthening international organizations in the area of multilateral trade

A/46/567 Note by the Secretary-General on economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries

(b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

A/46/566 Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the programme of action for the least developed countries for the 1990s

(c) World Decade for Cultural Development

A/46/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. V, sect. B.13 1/

A/46/160-E/1991/66 Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and of the Director-General of the United Nations, Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the progress of the World Decade for Cultural Development (1988-1997), during the period 1990-1991

(d) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

A/46/39 Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries

A/46/478 Note by the Secretary-General on economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

A/46/481 Report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Coordination Conference

A/46/570 Note by the Secretary-General on further strengthening and improving intergovernmental programming exercises for technical cooperation among developing countries

(e) Environment

A/46/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. V, sect. B.9 1/

A/46/25 Report of the Governing Council of UNEP on its sixteenth session

A/46/138- E/1991/52	Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of General Assembly resolution 44/227
A/46/156- E/1991/54	Report of the Secretary-General on possible adverse effects of sea-level rise on islands and coastal areas, particularly low-lying coastal areas
A/46/214- E/1991/77	Report of the Secretary-General on traffic in and disposal, control and transboundary movements of toxic and dangerous products and wastes
A/46/308	Letter dated 18 July 1991 from the representatives of Germany and Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Joint German-Indonesian Statement on Cooperation on Environmental Protection
A/46/423	Letter dated 5 September 1991 from the Permanent Representatives of Brazil and of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the joint communiqué issued at Stockholm, on World Environment Day, 5 June 1991, by President Fernando Collor of Brazil and Prime Minister Engvar Carlsson of Sweden, together with Mr. Maurice Strong, Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
A/46/615 and Corr.1 and Add.1	Report of the Secretary-General on large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing and its impact on the living marine resources of the world's oceans and seas
A/46/632	Letter dated 11 November 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Final Declaration adopted at the Arab Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development held at Cairo between 10 and 12 September 1991
A/C.2/46/3	Note by the Secretary-General on international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment
A/C.2/46/11	Letter dated 29 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, providing information in support of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.7 on large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing on the high seas

A/C.2/46/13	Letter dated 14 November 1991 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting an Executive Summary of the President's Council Report on a National Environmental Management System for South Africa, submitted to the South African State President on 22 October 1991
A/C.2/46/14	Letter dated 14 November 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a paper containing Japan's views on the resolutions on drift-net fishing
A/C.2/46/17	Letter dated 7 November 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

(f) Desertification and drought

A/46/3	Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. V, sect. B.10 1/
A/46/25	Report of the Governing Council of UNEP on its sixteenth session
A/46/157-E/1991/55	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification
A/46/268-E/1991/107 and Corr.1	Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of countries stricken by desertification and drought in Africa
A/46/380-E/1991/142	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region
A/46/632	Letter dated 11 November 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Final Declaration adopted at the Arab Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development held at Cairo between 10 and 12 September 1991

A/C.2/46/17	Letter dated 7 November 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

(g) Human settlements

A/46/3	Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. V, sect. B.8 1/
A/46/8	Report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its thirteenth session
A/46/8/Add.1 and Corr.1	Note by the Executive Director of Habitat enclosing the second report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the Implementation of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000
A/46/262-E/1991/95	Note by the Secretary-General on living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory
A/46/632	Letter dated 11 November 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Final Declaration adopted at the Arab Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development held at Cairo between 10 and 12 September 1991

(h) Science and technology for development

A/46/3	Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. V, sect. B.3 1/
A/46/37	Report of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development at its eleventh session
A/46/632	Letter dated 11 November 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Final Declaration adopted at the Arab Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development held at Cairo from 10 to 12 September 1991

(i) Entrepreneurship

A/46/206- E/1991/93 and Add.1 to 4	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation on operational activities of the United Nations system

(j) Effective mobilization and integration of women in development

A/46/464	Report of the Secretary-General on effective mobilization and integration of women in development

4. At the 18th meeting, on 17 October, an introductory statement on sub-item (j) was made by the Director of the Division for the Advancement of Women in the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs (see A/C.2/46/SR.18).

5. At the 19th meeting, on 21 October, introductory statements on sub-items (d) and (i) were made by the Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the Assistant Secretary-General for Development Research and Policy Analysis, the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations and the Director of the Unit for Special Political Questions and Regional Cooperation. The President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development also made a statement (see A/C.2/46/SR.19).

6. At the 33rd meeting, on 6 November, an introductory statement on sub-item (c) was made by the Under-Secretary-General for International Economic and Social Affairs (A/C.2/46/SR.33).

7. At the 38th meeting, on 11 November, introductory statements on sub-items (a), (b) and (h) were made by the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Director of the Special Programme for the Least Developed, Land-locked and Island Developing Countries of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Director as officer-in-charge of the Centre for Science and Technology for Development.

8. At the 48th meeting, on 20 November, introductory statements on sub-items (e), (f) and (g) were made by the Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, the Director of the Sudano-Sahelian Office and the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements.

9. At the 52nd meeting, on 27 November, an introductory statement on sub-item (e) was made by the Under-Secretary-General and Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Law of the Sea.

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Report of the Second Committee (Part II)*

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on item 77 (see A/46/645, para. 2). Action to be taken on questions not related to a specific sub-item was considered at the 19th, 28th, 42nd, 51st and 58th meetings, on 21 October, 1, 15 and 26 November and 11 December 1991. An account of the Committee's consideration of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/46/SR.19, 28, 42, 51 and 58).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft decision contained in document A/C.2/46/L.5

2. By its decision 45/441 of 21 December 1990, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee, decided to defer until its forty-sixth session consideration of the draft resolution entitled "International conference on money and finance for development".

3. At the 58th meeting, on 11 December 1991, following a statement by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Borzorgmehr Ziaran (Islamic Republic of Iran), and on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend

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to the General Assembly that it should defer consideration of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/46/L.5 until its forty-seventh session (see para. 12).

B. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.16

4. At the 19th meeting, on 21 October, the representative of Ghana, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are also members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.16) entitled "Economic stabilization programmes in developing countries".

5. At the 42nd meeting, on 15 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ioan Barac (Romania), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.16 without a vote (see para. 11, draft resolution I).

C. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.26 and L.73

7. At the 28th meeting, on 1 November, the representative of Ghana, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are also members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.26) entitled "Report of the South Commission", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 45/195 of 21 December 1991,

"Recognizing the relevance of the report entitled The Challenge to the South: The Report of the South Commission 1/ in addressing the challenges of the South in the 1990s, especially the North-South dialogue, trade, finance, technology, regional cooperation and integration among developing countries,

Taking note of the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council on the outcome of the informal exchange of views held in the Council on the report of the South Commission, 2/

1/ New York, Oxford University Press, 1990. For an overview and summary of the report of the South Commission, see A/45/810 and Corr.1, annex.

2/ A/46/448.

"1. Urges Member States, international organizations and other relevant institutions to study and act upon the report of the South Commission within their spheres of competence;

"2. Requests the United Nations Development Programme to provide the necessary financial resources for the wide distribution of the report of the South Commission, particularly in developing countries, in order to enhance economic and technical cooperation among them;

"3. Urges the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Development Programme, the regional commissions and other developmental bodies of the United Nations to support developing countries in the context of implementing the relevant recommendations of the report of the South Commission, with special emphasis on economic and technical cooperation among developing countries;

"4. Requests the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Development Programme and the regional commissions, within their respective shares of competence, to assign monitoring and follow-up duties to appropriate units for the implementation of the relevant recommendations of the South Commission;

"5. Requests the Secretary-General to coordinate and report on, on a biennial basis, the implementation of the report of the South Commission, with special emphasis on economic and technical cooperation among developing countries."

8. At the 51st meeting, on 26 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ioan Barac (Romania), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.73), which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.26.

9. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.73 without a vote (see para. 11, draft resolution II).

10. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.73, draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.26 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

11. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Economic stabilization programmes in developing countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, containing the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries,

Reaffirming its resolution 45/194 of 21 December 1990 on economic stabilization programmes in developing countries,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on economic stabilization programmes in developing countries; 3/

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session a comprehensive and analytical report containing an evaluation of the extent to which the efforts made by developing countries to stabilize their economies are being supported by the current international economic environment.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Report of the South Commission

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 45/195 of 21 December 1990,

Recognizing the relevance of the report entitled The Challenge to the South: The Report of the South Commission 4/ in addressing the challenges of the South in the 1990s, especially the North-South dialogue, trade, finance, technology, regional cooperation and integration among developing countries,

Taking note of the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council on the outcome of the informal exchange of views held in the Council on the report of the South Commission, 5/

3/ A/46/385.

4/ New York, Oxford University Press, 1990. For an overview and summary of the report of the South Commission, see A/45/810 and Corr.1, annex.

5/ A/46/448.

1. Urges Member States, international organizations and other relevant institutions to study the report of the South Commission with a view to putting into effect its recommendations, as appropriate;

2. Invites the United Nations Development Programme to provide support for the distribution of the report of the South Commission in the developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, in order to enhance economic and technical cooperation among the developing countries;

3. Urges the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Development Programme, the regional commissions and other developmental bodies of the United Nations to support developing countries in the context of implementing the relevant recommendations of the report of the South Commission, with special emphasis on economic and technical cooperation among developing countries;

4. Invites the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Development Programme and the regional commissions to follow, within their respective spheres of competence, the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the South Commission by the parties concerned, as appropriate;

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5. Requests the Secretary-General to monitor the implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon, as appropriate, to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session.

12. The Second Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

International conference on money and finance for development

The General Assembly decides to defer until its forty-seventh session consideration of the draft resolution entitled "International conference on money and finance for development". 6/

6/ See A/C.2/46/L.5.

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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION: TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

Report of the Second Committee (Part III)*

Rapporteur: Mr. Martin RAKOTONAIVO (Madagascar)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on item 77 (see A/46/645, para. 2). Action to be taken on sub-item (a) was considered at the 41st, 45th, 51st, 55th and 58th meetings, on 13, 19, 26 November and 4 and 11 December. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary record (A/C.2/46/SR.41, 45, 51, 55 and 58).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.22

2. At the 41st meeting, on 13 November 1991, the representative of Ghana, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are also members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.22) entitled "Strengthening international organizations in the area of multilateral trade".

3. At the 51st meeting, on 26 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Bozorgmehr Ziaran (Islamic Republic of Iran), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations which had been held on the draft resolution.

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* The report of the Committee on this item will be issued in twelve parts (see also A/46/645 and Add.1-11).

4. The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.22 without a vote (see para. 40, draft resolution I).

B. Draft resolutions A/C.2/46/L.52 and L.95

6. At the 45th meeting, on 19 November, the representative of Ghana, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are also members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.52) entitled "Environment and international trade", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 45/210 of 21 December 1990 on environment and international trade,

"Welcoming Trade and Development Board resolution 393 (XXXVIII) of 4 October 1991 on the contribution of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, within its mandate, to sustainable development, in which the Board, inter alia, reaffirmed the importance of an integrated perspective of environment and development in order to tackle successfully the root causes of poverty and environmental degradation and achieve the objective of sustainable development in all countries,

"1. Welcomes the efforts of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to increasingly integrate the concept of sustainable development in its ongoing work, and encourages the Secretary-General of the Conference to pursue that process;

"2. Stresses the importance of the contribution of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, within its mandate, to the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and the follow-up to the Conference and welcomes the collaboration between the two bodies;

"3. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to take the necessary action to pursue and expedite the studies and other work requested in paragraph 7 of Trade and Development Board resolution 393 (XXXVIII), so that they may contribute effectively to the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and its follow-up."

7. At the same meeting, the representative of Ghana, orally revised the draft resolution, as follows:

(a) In the second preambular paragraph, the word "poverty" was replaced by "underdevelopment";

(b) In operative paragraph 1, the word "Conference" was replaced by "United Nations Conference on Trade and Development";

(c) In operative paragraph 3, the words "in addition" were inserted between the words "may" and "contribute".

8. At its 55th meeting, on 4 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.95) submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Bozorgmehr Ziaran (Islamic Republic of Iran), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.52.

9. The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

10. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.95 without a vote (see para. 40, draft resolution II).

11. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.95, draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.52 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

C. Draft resolutions A/C.2/46/L.53 and L.96

12. At the 45th meeting, on 19 November, the representative of Ghana, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are also members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.53) entitled "Trade and Development Board", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964, as amended, 1/ on the establishment of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Final Act adopted by the Conference at its seventh session, held at Geneva from 9 July to 3 August 1987, 2/ and the Declaration on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, contained in Trade and Development Board resolution 376 (XXXVI) of 13 October 1989, 3/ as endorsed by the General Assembly in resolution 44/19 of 14 November 1989,

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1/ See resolutions 2904 (XXVII), 31/2 A and B and 34/3.

2/ See Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Seventh Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.88.II.D.1), part one, sect. A.1.

3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/44/15), vol. II, sect. II.A.

"Recalling also its resolution 45/203 of 21 December 1990 on the report of the Trade and Development Board,

"Considering that the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to be held in Colombia in 1992, provides, with its development-oriented agenda, a timely opportunity to advance the dialogue on major development issues, taking into account the global political, economic and technological changes of the recent past,

"Considering Trade and Development Board resolution 396 (XXXVIII) of 4 October 1991 on debt and development problems of developing countries 4/ as part of the continuing contribution of the Board to the search for a durable solution to the problem of the external indebtedness of developing countries, as well as to the substantive preparations for the eighth session of the Conference,

"Reiterating that the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations cannot be concluded without a substantial and balanced outcome in all areas involved, including areas of particular importance to developing countries,

"Noting that the Trade and Development Report, 1991, 5/ constitutes a valuable contribution to the debate on the interdependence of the problems of trade, development finance and the international monetary system, as well as to the understanding of the issues examined within the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations,

"1. Takes note of the report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its thirty-seventh session and the first part of its thirty-eighth session, 6/ and urges all member States to give effect to the provisions of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Board;

"2. Notes with appreciation the contribution made by the Trade and Development Board to the understanding of global interdependence, in particular among key sectors concerning trade flows in goods and services and developments in the areas of money, finance, debt, commodities and technology, as well as among national economies and economic actors;

"3. Reaffirms the need for all countries to fulfil their responsibilities in strengthening the rules and disciplines of the multilateral trading system for the benefit of all countries and, to this

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4/ Ibid., Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/46/15), vol. II, sect. II.A.

5/ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.91.II.D.15.

6/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/46/15), vols. I and II.

end, urges all participants in the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations to adopt a constructive and comprehensive approach thereto in order to achieve a successful and balanced outcome in accordance with the Ministerial Declaration on the Uruguay Round; 7/

"4. Reiterates its invitation to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, at its eighth session, to assess the outcome of the Uruguay Round, in particular in areas of interest or concern to developing countries;

"5. Welcomes Trade and Development Board resolution 394 (XXXVIII) of 4 October 1991 4/ on economic cooperation among developing countries and problems of trade and trade financing as a further concrete step in the implementation of the Caracas Programme of Action, 8/ stresses the need for continued support by the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to the process of economic cooperation among developing countries and invites the United Nations Development Programme and other funding institutions to provide financial support to this process;

"6. Also welcomes the progress achieved so far in the substantive preparations for the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

"7. Stresses the crucial importance of the eighth session of the Conference in advancing the development dialogue and in giving new impetus to multilateral economic cooperation and affirms the need to achieve at that session a positive action-oriented outcome in the interrelated areas of trade, money, finance, resources for development, technology, commodities and services which will be instrumental to the revitalization of the development process of the developing countries, will strengthen the work of the Conference in national and international policy-making and will give life to the commitments and policies contained in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries." 9/

13. At its 55th meeting on 4 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.96) submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Bozorgmehr Ziaran (Islamic Republic of Iran), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.53.

7/ See GATT, Focus Newsletter, No. 41, October 1986.

8/ A/36/333 and Corr.1, annex.

9/ Resolution S-18/[illegible], annex.

14. The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

15. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.96 without a vote (see para. 40, draft resolution III).

16. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.96, draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.53 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

D. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.55

17. At the 45th meeting, on 19 November, the representative of Ghana, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are also members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.55) entitled "Economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries".

18. At the 58th meeting, on 11 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Bozorgmehr Ziaran (Islamic Republic of Iran), informed the Committee of the results of informal consultations held on the draft resolution.

19. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.55 by a recorded vote of 100 to 28, with 11 abstentions (see para. 40, draft resolution IV). The voting was as follows: 10/

In favour: Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cote D'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Qatar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

10/ Subsequently, the representative of Haiti stated that his delegation had intended to abstain.

Against: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Argentina, Belarus, Greece, Liberia, Lithuania, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Spain, Ukraine, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Uruguay.

20. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, Cyprus and Kuwait (see A/C.2/46/SR.58).

E. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.56

21. At the 45th meeting, on 19 November, the representative of Ghana, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are also members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.56) entitled "Adjustment of the Trade Control Measures Information System of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, as called for by the General Assembly in resolution 45/210".

22. At the 55th meeting, on 4 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Bozorgmehr Ziaran (Islamic Republic of Iran), read out the following revisions which had been agreed upon during informal consultations held on the draft resolution: in operative paragraph 4, the word "further" was placed between the words "improve" and "and strengthen"; and the words "where appropriate" were added between "promote" and "and facilitate".

23. The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

24. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.56, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 40, draft resolution V).

F. Draft resolutions A/C.2/46/L.57 and L.118

25. At the 51st meeting, on 26 November, the representative of Uganda, also on behalf of Bolivia, Botswana, Burundi, Chad, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Malawi, Mali, Mongolia, Nepal, Rwanda, Swaziland and Zambia, subsequently joined by Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, the Central African Republic, Niger and Zimbabwe, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.57) entitled "Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling the provisions of its resolution 44/214 of 22 December 1989 and all other resolutions of the United Nations relating to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries,

"Recognizing that the lack of territorial access to the sea, aggravated by remoteness and isolation from world markets, and prohibitive transit costs and risks impose serious constraints on the overall socio-economic development efforts of the land-locked developing countries,

"Recognizing also that 15 of the 21 land-locked developing countries are also classified by the United Nations as least developed countries and that their geographical situation is an added constraint on their overall ability to cope with the challenges of development,

"Noting that most transit countries are themselves developing countries facing serious economic problems, including the lack of adequate infrastructure in the transport sector,

"Recognizing that measures to deal with the transit problems of land-locked developing countries require close cooperation and collaboration between those countries and their transit neighbours,

"Recalling the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, adopted on 10 December 1982, 11/

"Recognizing the important role played by bilateral and regional and subregional integration and cooperative arrangements towards alleviating the transit problems of the land-locked developing countries and improving the transit transport systems in land-locked and transit developing countries,

"Noting with concern that the international support measures taken thus far have not adequately addressed the problems of land-locked developing countries,

"1. Reaffirms the right of access of land-locked countries to and from the sea and freedom of transit through the territory of transit States by all means of transport, in accordance with international law;

"2. Calls upon both the land-locked developing countries and their transit neighbours, within the spirit of South/South cooperation, to implement measures to strengthen further their cooperative and collaborative efforts in dealing with their transit problems;

11/ Official Records of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, vol. XVII (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.V.3).

"3. Appeals to all States, international organizations and financial institutions to implement, as a matter of urgency and priority, the specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries envisaged in the previous relevant resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, 12/ the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular, the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, 13/ adopted at the eighteenth special session of the General Assembly, and the relevant provisions of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s; 14/

"4. Invites the land-locked developing countries and their transit neighbours to intensify further their cooperative arrangements for the development of transit infrastructures, institutions and services to facilitate the movement of goods in transit with financial and technical assistance from donors and international agencies;

"5. Emphasizes that assistance for the improvement of transit facilities and services should be integrated into the overall economic development strategy of the land-locked developing countries and that donor assistance should consequently take into account the requirement for long-term restructuring of the economies of the land-locked developing countries, including, as appropriate, the promotion of import-substituting industries producing high-bulk, low-value goods and developing high-value, low-bulk goods for export;

"6. Urges donor countries and multilateral financial and development institutions to provide land-locked and transit developing countries with adequate financial and technical assistance in the form of grants or concessional loans for the construction, maintenance and improvement of their transit infrastructures, communications and facilities in order fully to integrate them into the regional and international transport and communications networks;

"7. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to promote and strengthen bilateral, subregional, regional and interregional projects to expand further its support to the land-locked developing countries and activities of technical cooperation for development geared towards achieving national and collective self-reliance among them;

12/ See General Assembly resolution 45/199 of 21 December 1990.

13/ General Assembly resolution S-18/3, annex.

14/ See A/CONF.147/18.

"8. Takes note with appreciation of the contribution of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in formulating international measures to deal with the special problems of the land-locked developing countries, and requests the Secretary-General of the Conference:

"(a) To keep under constant review the evolution of transit infrastructure facilities, institutions and services and to recommend means of improving them in the light of changing requirements of individual land-locked developing countries, taking into account technological developments, particularly in the area of information and communications;

"(b) To act as focal point for promoting cross-regional interchange of information and experience in cooperation with regional and subregional organizations;

"(c) To continue to monitor the implementation of specific measures for the land-locked developing countries agreed upon in the General Assembly, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and other international forums;

"(d) To collaborate with all initiatives being undertaken to overcome the particular problems of land-locked developing countries, including those of the private sector and the non-governmental organizations;

"9. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to carry out specific studies in the following areas and to report on the results of these studies to the Trade and Development Board and to the General Assembly:

"(a) Liberalization of transit services and streamlining of transit documentation and procedures;

"(b) Implications of high-transit costs on the overall development of the land-locked developing countries;

"(c) Identification of specific areas in the context of subregional and regional cooperation for the promotion and integration of transit infrastructure and services and harmonization of transit transport policies and legislation;

"(d) Identification of specific areas for the expansion of the trade sector of land-locked developing countries, including the assessment of regional trade possibilities;

"(e) Improvement of the security of goods in transit;

"(f) Transit fac.lities accorded to land-locked developing countries in different regions;

"(g) Improvement of current transit insurance regimes;

"(h) Application of new information technology to improve transit services;

"(i) Identification of specific training needs to improve the managerial capacities and the skills of personnel involved in transit operations to ensure effective utilization of transit transport facilities;

"(j) Development and expansion of all other alternatives and/or complements to ground transportation in order to improve the access of land-locked countries to foreign markets;

"10. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in collaboration with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and, where relevant, the executive heads of the subregional economic groupings, to convene subregional symposia/workshops of experts of land-locked and transit developing countries in 1992/93 on the basis of the studies in paragraph 9 above and other relevant studies;

"11. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to convene a meeting of high-level governmental experts of developing land-locked and transit countries and donor countries and financial and development institutions in 1993 to:

"(a) Discuss the particular problems of land-locked developing countries in general, including those that are peculiar to individual countries;

"(b) Consider support measures to foster better cooperative arrangements between transit and land-locked developing countries;

"(c) Provide an opportunity to exchange views on how effectively to tailor assistance programmes to meet the specific requirements of land-locked developing countries, including those programmes and projects that enhance cooperative arrangements between land-locked and transit developing countries;

"(d) Identify the problems faced in implementing donor assistance programmes in land-locked developing countries;

"(e) Propose a concrete programme of action for the land-locked and transit developing countries, to be forwarded to the Trade and Development Board and the General Assembly, at its forty-eighth session, for appropriate action;

"12. Decides to strengthen the branch of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development dealing with land-locked and island

developing countries in order to ensure the effective implementation of the activities called for by the present resolution and other measures in support of land-locked developing countries;

"13. Welcomes the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on progress in the implementation of specific action related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries, submitted pursuant to resolution 44/214, and requests him to prepare another report, taking into account the provisions of the present resolution, the results of the studies to be undertaken in accordance with paragraph 9 above, and the outcome of the meeting of governmental experts of developing land-locked and transit countries and donor countries and financial and development institutions, for submission to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session."

26. A statement by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution, submitted in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, was subsequently circulated in document A/C.2/46/L.85.

27. At its 58th meeting, on 11 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.118), submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Bozorgmehr Ziaran (Islamic Republic of Iran), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.57.

28. The Committee was informed that the programme budget implications contained in document A/C.2/46/L.85 did not apply to the draft resolution contained in A/C.2/46/L.118.

29. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.118 without a vote (see para. 40, draft resolution VI).

30. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Turkey made a statement.

31. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.118, draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.57 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

G. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.91

32. At the 58th meeting, on 11 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "United Nations/International Maritime Organization Conference of Plenipotentiaries on a Draft Convention on Maritime Liens and Mortgages" (A/C.2/46/L.91) submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Bozorgmehr Ziaran (Islamic Republic of Iran), on the basis of informal consultations.

33. A statement by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution, submitted in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure for the General Assembly, was circulated in document A/C.2/46/L.113.

34. The representative of the Programme, Planning and Budget Division made a statement.

35. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community, and the United States of America.

36. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resoution A/C.2/46/L.91 without a vote (see para. 40, draft resolution VII).

H. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.92

37. At the 55th meeting, on 4 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "International code of conduct on the transfer of technology" (A/C.2/46/L.92) submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Bozorgmehr Ziaran (Islamic Republic of Iran), on the basis of informal consultations.

38. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.91 without a vote (see para. 40, draft resolution VIII).

39. At its 58th meeting, on 11 December, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it should take note of the note by the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of specific action related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries (A/46/496 and Add.1) (see para. 41).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

40. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Strengthening international organizations in the area of multilateral trade

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, contained in the annex to its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, contained in the annex to its resolution 45/199 of 21 December 1990,

Recalling its resolution 45/201 of 21 December 1990,

Taking note of the note by the Secretary-General concerning institutional developments related to the strengthening of international organizations in the area of multilateral trade, 15/

1. Urges all Governments and the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to endeavour to present their views to the Secretary-General on this matter;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare, for submission to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, an updated report, taking into account the outcome of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations and the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Environment and international trade

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 45/210 of 21 December 1990 on environment and international trade,

Welcoming Trade and Development Board resolution 393 (XXXVIII) of 4 October 1991 on the contribution of the United Nations Conference on Trade

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and Development, within its mandate, to sustainable development, in which the Board, inter alia, reaffirmed the importance of an integrated perspective of environment and development in order to tackle successfully the root causes of underdevelopment and environmental degradation and achieve the objective of sustainable development in all countries,

1. Welcomes the efforts of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to integrate increasingly the concept of sustainable development in its ongoing work, and encourages the Secretary-General of United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to pursue that process;

2. Stresses the importance of the contribution of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, within its mandate, to the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and to the follow-up to that Conference;

3. Invites the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to take the necessary action to pursue and expedite, where appropriate, the studies and other work requested in paragraph 7 of Trade and Development Board resolution 393 (XXXVIII), taking into account what is being done by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in this area, so that they may in addition contribute effectively, within the mandate of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and its follow-up.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Trade and Development Board

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964, as amended, 16/ on the establishment of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Final Act adopted by the Conference at its seventh session, held at Geneva from 9 July to 3 August 1987, 17/ and the Declaration on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, contained in Trade and Development Board resolution 376 (XXXVI) of 13 October 1989, 18/ as endorsed by the General Assembly in resolution 44/19 of 14 November 1989,

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16/ See resolutions 2904 (XXVII), 31/2 A and B and 34/3.

17/ See Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Seventh Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.88.II.D.1), part one, sect. A.1.

18/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/44/15), vol. II, sect. II.A.

Recalling also its resolution 45/203 of 21 December 1990 on the Trade and Development Board,

Considering that the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to be held in Colombia in 1992, provides, with its development-oriented agenda, a timely opportunity to advance the dialogue on major development issues, taking into account the global political, economic and technological changes of the recent past,

Considering Trade and Development Board resolution 396 (XXXVIII) of 4 October 1991 on debt and development problems of developing countries 19/ as part of the continuing contribution of the Board to the search for a durable solution to the problems of the external indebtedness of developing countries, as well as to the substantive preparations for the eighth session of the Conference,

Reiterating that the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations should result in a substantial and balanced outcome in all areas involved, including areas of particular importance to developing countries,

Noting that the Trade and Development Report, 1991, 20/ constitutes a valuable contribution to the debate on the interdependence of the problems of trade, development finance and the international monetary system, as well as to the understanding of the issues examined within the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations,

1. Takes note of the report of the Trade and Development Board on the second part of its thirty-seventh session and the first part of its thirty-eighth session, 21/ and urges all member States to give effect to the provisions of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Board;

2. Notes with appreciation the contribution made by the Trade and Development Board to the understanding of the interdependence of problems of trade, development finance and the international monetary system, taking into account the needs of developing countries;

3. Reaffirms the need for all countries to fulfil their responsibilities in strengthening the rules and disciplines of the multilateral trading system for the benefit of all countries and, to this end,

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19/ Ibid., Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/46/15), vol. II, sect. II.A.

20/ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.91.II.D.15.

21/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/46/15), vols. I and II.

urges all participants in the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations to adopt a constructive and comprehensive approach thereto in order to achieve a successful and balanced outcome in accordance with the Ministerial Declaration on the Uruguay Round; 22/

4. Reiterates its invitation to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, at its eighth session, to assess the outcome of the Uruguay Round, in particular in areas of interest or concern to developing countries;

5. Welcomes Trade and Development Board resolution 394 (XXXVIII) of 4 October 1991 19/ on economic cooperation among developing countries and problems of trade and trade financing as a further step in the implementation of the Caracas Programme of Action, 23/ stresses the need for continued support by the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to the process of economic cooperation among developing countries through studies, extension of expertise and technical assistance and, in this connection, invites the United Nations Development Programme and other funding institutions to continue to provide financial support to this process;

6. Also welcomes the progress achieved so far in the substantive preparations for the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

7. Stresses the crucial importance of the eighth session of the Conference in advancing the development dialogue and in giving new impetus to multilateral economic cooperation, and affirms the need to achieve at that session a positive, action-oriented outcome in the interrelated areas of trade, resources for development, technology, commodities and services, which, in particular, will be instrumental to the revitalization of the development process of the developing countries, will strengthen further the impact of the work of the Conference on national and international policy-making and will contribute to the implementation of the commitments and policies contained in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, contained in the annex to its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling the relevant principles set forth in the Charter of the United Nations,

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22/ See GATT, Focus Newsletter, No. 41, October 1986.

23/ A/36/333 and Corr.1, annex.

Recalling also its resolutions 2625 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 and 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

Reaffirming article 32 of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, which declares that no State may use or encourage the use of economic, political or any other type of measures to coerce another State in order to obtain from it the subordination of the exercise of its sovereign rights,

Bearing in mind the general principles governing international trade and trade policies for development contained in the relevant resolutions and rules of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade,

Reaffirming its resolutions 38/197 of 20 December 1983, 39/210 of 18 December 1984, 40/185 of 17 December 1985, 41/165 of 5 December 1986, 42/173 of 11 December 1987 and 44/215 of 22 December 1989, and considering that further work needs to be undertaken in order to implement them,

Gravely concerned that the use of coercive economic measures adversely affects the economy and development efforts of developing countries and creates a general negative impact on international economic cooperation and on the world-wide effort to move towards a non-discriminatory, open, trading system,

Taking into account the note by the Secretary-General prepared in response to Assembly resolution 44/215, 24/ and his assessment of how to continue his task,

Concerned that the mandate provided in paragraph 6 of resolution 44/215 has not been fully implemented,

1. Calls upon the international community to adopt urgent and effective measures to eliminate the use by some developed countries of unilateral economic coercive measures against developing countries with the purpose of exerting, directly or indirectly, coercion on the sovereign decisions of the countries subject to those measures;

2. Deplores the fact that some developed countries continue to apply economic measures and, in some cases, have increased their scope and magnitude, as evidenced by trade restrictions, blockades, embargoes, freezing of assets and other economic sanctions incompatible with the Charter of the United Nations;

3. Calls upon developed countries to refrain from making use of their predominant position in the international economy to exercise political or

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economic coercion through the application of economic instruments with the purpose of inducing changes in the economic, political, commercial and social policies of other countries;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to pursue fully his mandate as contained in paragraph 6 of Assembly resolution 44/215, through the Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation and in close cooperation with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

5. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

Adjustment of the Trade Control Measures Information System of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, as called for by the General Assembly in resolution 45/210

The General Assembly,

Stressing the principle of free and fair global trade, which should be conducive to the significant enhancement of the trade and development prospects of all countries, in particular developing countries, and the importance to that end of promoting transparency with regard to national trade measures,

Recalling Trade and Development Board decision 354 (XXXIV) of 10 May 1988, 25/ in which the Board recognized that the computerized database on trade measures was a valuable source of information on general and product-specific trade measures and authorized the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to provide, on request, the information contained in that database,

Recalling also paragraph 1 (b) of its resolution 45/210 of 21 December 1990, in which it called for the adjustment of the Trade Control Measures Information System of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to monitor environmental regulations for possible protectionism and to monitor non-tariff measures that have a bearing on the environment, in accordance with paragraph 6 of Trade and Development Board decision 384 (XXXVII) of 12 October 1990, 26/

25/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/43/15), vol. I, sect. II.A.

26/ Ibid., Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/45/15), sect. III.B.2.

1. Welcomes Trade and Development Board decision 395 (XXXVIII), of 4 October 1991, 27/ in which the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development was invited to make use of the information collected by and held in the International Trade Centre as well as the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and other relevant organizations for the purpose of facilitating collection by the Conference of data on environmental measures related to trade in the Trade Control Measures Information System, and to continue to make available on request information from the System;

2. Notes the initial steps taken by the secretariat of the Conference to introduce the adjustments in the System called for by the General Assembly in resolution 45/210;

3. Also notes the measures initiated by the Secretary-General of the Conference to disseminate the information contained in the database, and invites Member States that have not yet done so to designate focal points to facilitate the exchange and dissemination of information contained in the System;

4. Stresses the need to improve further and strengthen the database, including an expansion of its coverage of countries and measures and more continuous updating of the information contained therein, with a view to enhancing its utility for trade negotiations and export promotion, as well as for analytical purposes, and requests the Secretary-General of the Conference to take all the additional measures necessary to expedite the work required, in particular the adjustment of the System called for by the Assembly in resolution 45/210, and to promote, where appropriate, and facilitate the dissemination of information from the System and any analysis thereof, pursuant to paragraph 5 of Trade and Development Board resolution 393 (XXXVIII) of 4 October 1991. 19/

DRAFT RESOLUTION VI

Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling the provisions of its resolution 44/214 of 22 December 1989 and all other relevant resolutions of the United Nations relating to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries,

Recognizing that the lack of territorial access to the sea, aggravated by remoteness and isolation from world markets, and prohibitive transit costs and risks impose serious constraints on the overall socio-economic development efforts of the land-locked developing countries,

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27/ Ibid., Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/46/15), vol. II, sect. II.B.

Recognizing also that fifteen of the twenty-one land-locked developing countries are also classified by the United Nations as least developed countries and that their geographical situation is an added constraint on their overall ability to cope with the challenges of development,

Recognizing further that most transit countries are themselves developing countries facing serious economic problems, including the lack of adequate infrastructure in the transport sector,

Recalling also that measures to deal with the transit problems of land-locked developing countries require close cooperation and collaboration between those countries and their transit neighbours,

Recalling the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, adopted on 10 December 1982, 28/

Recognizing the important role played by bilateral cooperative arrangements and regional and subregional integration in alleviating the transit problems of the land-locked developing countries and improving the transit transport systems in land-locked and transit-developing countries,

Noting the importance of strengthening the existing international support measures with a view to further addressing the problems of land-locked developed countries,

1. Reaffirms the right of access of land-locked countries to and from the sea and freedom of transit through the territory of transit States by all means of transport, in accordance with international law;

2. Reaffirms also that transit-developing countries, in the exercise of their full sovereignty over their territory, have the right to take all measures necessary to ensure that the rights and facilities provided for land-locked developing countries should in no way infringe upon their legitimate interests;

3. Calls upon both the land-locked developing countries and their transit neighbours, within the spirit of South/South cooperation, including bilateral cooperation, to implement measures to strengthen further their cooperative and collaborative efforts in dealing with their transit problems;

4. Appeals to all States, international organizations and financial institutions to implement, as a matter of urgency and priority, the specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries envisaged in the previous resolutions adopted by the General

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28/ Official Records of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, vol. XVII (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.V.3), document A/CONF.62/122.

Assembly and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, 29/ the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular, the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, adopted at the eighteenth special session of the General Assembly, contained in the annex to its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, and the relevant provisions of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s; 30/

5. Invites the land-locked developing countries and their transit neighbours to intensify further their cooperative arrangements for the development of transit infrastructures, institutions and services to facilitate the movement of goods in transit with financial and technical assistance from donors and international agencies;

6. Emphasizes that assistance for the improvement of transport transit facilities and services should be integrated into the overall economic development strategy of the land-locked developing countries and that donor assistance should consequently take into account the requirement for long-term restructuring of the economies of the land-locked developing countries;

7. Urges donor countries and multilateral financial and development institutions to provide land-locked and transit-developing countries with appropriate financial and technical assistance in the form of grants or concessional loans for the construction, maintenance and improvement of their transport, storage and transit infrastructures and facilities, including alternative routes and improved communications;

8. Requests the United Nations Development Programme, as appropriate, further to promote subregional, regional and interregional projects and programmes and to expand its support in the transport and communication sectors to the land-locked and transit-developing countries and its technical cooperation for development geared towards promoting national and collective self-reliance among them;

9. Takes note with appreciation of the contribution of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in formulating international measures to deal with the special problems of the land-locked developing countries, and urges the Conference to, inter alia, keep under constant review the evolution of transport transit infrastructure facilities, institutions and services, monitor the implementation of agreed measures, collaborate in all relevant initiatives, including those of private sector and non-governmental organizations, and serve as a focal point on cross-regional issues of interest to land-locked developing countries;

29/ See General Assembly resolution 45/199, annex, of 21 December 1990.

30/ See A/CONF.147/18.

10. Invites the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to carry out, within the overall level of resources for the biennium 1992-1993, specific studies in the following areas, inter alia, bearing in mind the need to address the concerns for transit-developing countries, and to report on the results of the studies to the Trade and Development Board and the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session:

(a) Implications of high transit costs on the overall development of the land-locked developing countries;

(b) Identification of specific areas in the context of subregional and regional cooperation for the promotion and integration of transit infrastructure and services and harmonization of transit transport policies and legislation and the assessment of regional trade possibilities for the expansion of the trade sector of land-locked developing countries;

(c) Improvement of current transit insurance regimes;

(d) Application of new information technology to improve transit services;

(e) Identification of specific training needs to improve the managerial capacities and the skills of personnel involved in transit operations to ensure effective utilization of transit transport facilities;

(f) Development and expansion of all other alternatives and/or complements to ground transportation in order to improve the access of land-locked countries to foreign markets;

11. Invites the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in collaboration with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and, where relevant, the executive heads of the subregional economic groupings, to convene subregional symposia/workshops of experts of land-locked and transit-developing countries in 1992-1993 on the basis of the studies cited in paragraph 10 above and in other relevant studies;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to convene a meeting of governmental experts from developing land-locked and transit-developing countries and representatives of donor countries and financial and development institutions in 1993 to review and propose appropriate concrete action to address the problems of land-locked developing countries, to be forwarded to the Trade and Development Board and to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, for appropriate action;

13. Calls on the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to take appropriate measures to enhance the capacity of the Conference, within existing resources for the biennium 1992-1993, in the area dealing with land-locked and island developing countries so as to ensure the effective implementation of the activities called for in the present resolution and of existing measures in support of land-locked developing countries;

14. Welcomes the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the progress being made to address the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries, 31/ and requests him to prepare another report, taking into account the provisions of the present resolution, for submission to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VII

United Nations/International Maritime Organization Conference of Plenipotentiaries on a Draft Convention on Maritime Liens and Mortgages

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the importance of the subject of maritime liens and mortgages in ship financing and in the development of national merchant fleets,

Emphasizing the need for international uniformity and for the establishment of a widely acceptable international legal instrument governing the subject of maritime liens and mortgages,

Recognizing the desirability of facilitating the harmonious and orderly development of world trade,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and to the International Maritime Organization for the valuable work done in preparing a draft convention on maritime liens and mortgages;

2. Decides that a United Nations/International Maritime Organization Conference of Plenipotentiaries on a Draft Convention on Maritime Liens and Mortgages shall be convened at Geneva during the first half of 1993 for a period of three weeks to consider the draft convention and to embody the results of its work in a convention on maritime liens and mortgages;

3. Decides that the following shall be invited:

(a) All States, to participate in the Conference;

(b) All members of the International Maritime Organization, to participate in the Conference;

(c) Representatives of organizations that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the capacity of observers, in the sessions and the work of all international conferences

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31/ A/46/496 and Add.1.

convened under its auspices; these representatives would participate in the Conference in that capacity, in accordance with Assembly resolution 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974;

(d) Representatives of the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity in its region; these representatives would participate in the Conference in the capacity of observers, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974;

(e) The specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, as well as interested organs of the United Nations, which should be represented by observers at the Conference;

(f) Intergovernmental bodies in consultative status with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the International Maritime Organization, which should be represented by observers at the Conference;

(g) Directly concerned non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the International Maritime Organization, which should be represented by observers at the Conference;

4. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization to make the necessary arrangements, within existing resources, for holding the Conference at Geneva, to submit to the Conference all relevant documentation, including the rules of procedure of the Conference, and to arrange for the necessary staff, facilities and services that it will require;

5. Decides that the languages of the Conference shall be those used in the General Assembly and its Main Committees.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VIII

International code of conduct on the transfer of technology

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 45/204 of 21 December 1990 on an international code of conduct on the transfer of technology,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the consultations carried out in 1991 on an international code of conduct on the transfer of technology; 32/

32/ A/46/564, annex.

2. Decides to transmit that report to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its eighth session;

3. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session on the outcome of the consideration of the report by the Conference at its eighth session.

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41. The Second Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Note by the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of specific action related to the particular needs and problems of the land-locked developing countries

The General Assembly decides to take note of the note by the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of specific action related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries. 33/

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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR THE 1990s

Report of the Second Committee (Part IV)*

Rapporteur: Mr. Martin RAKOTONAIVO (Madagascar)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on item 77 (see A/45/645, para. 2). Action to be taken on sub-item (b) was considered at the 52nd and 57th meetings, on 27 November and 10 December 1991, respectively. An account of the Committee's consideration of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/45/SR.52 and 57).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS A/C.2/45/L.68 AND L.104

2. At its 52nd meeting, on 27 November 1991, the representative of Ghana, speaking on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are also members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/45/L.68), entitled "Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s", which read as follows:

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* The report of the Committee on this item will be issued in 12 parts (see also A/46/645/Add.1-11).

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 45/206 of 21 December 1990 in which it endorsed the Paris Declaration and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s, adopted by the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries,

"Deeply concerned about the continuing deterioration in the socio-economic situation of the least developed countries as a whole and the adverse impact of the recent unforeseen external developments and other emergencies on their overall socio-economic situation,

"Recalling the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, 1/ in which it was stated, inter alia, that it would be essential to stem the increasing marginalization of the least developed countries and to reactivate their growth and development through comprehensive national action and international support measures,

"Affirming the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, 2/ in which Member States stressed, inter alia, the need for full implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s, adopted by the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, held in Paris from 3 to 14 September 1990, 3/

"Recalling that the prime objective of the Programme of Action is to arrest the further deterioration in the socio-economic situation of those countries, to reactivate and accelerate their growth and development and, in the process, to set them on the path of sustained growth and development,

"Reaffirming the basic principles outlined in the Programme of Action as the basis for action by the least developed countries and their development partners, including international organizations, financial institutions and development funds, to promote fundamental, growth-oriented transformation of the economies of those countries,

"Recalling the solemn commitment of the international community, as contained in the Paris Declaration, adopted by the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, 3/ to implement the Programme of Action throughout the 1990s,

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1/ Resolution S-18/3, annex.

2/ Resolution 45/199, annex.

3/ Report of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 3-14 September 1990 (A/CONF.147/18), Part One.

"Stressing that successful implementation of the Programme of Action will depend on shared responsibility and strengthened partnership for the growth and development of the least developed countries,

"1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General; 4/

"2. Calls upon all Governments, international and multilateral organizations, financial institutions and development funds, the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and all other organizations concerned to take concrete measures to fully implement the Programme of Action as a matter of urgency;

"3. Reaffirms that the least developed countries have the primary responsibility for the formulation and effective implementation of national policies and priorities for their growth and development, and, in that context welcomes the fundamental and far-reaching changes that have been or are being initiated in the least developed countries;

"4. Stresses that the domestic policy initiatives of the least developed countries deserve the increased support of all their development partners;

"5. Strongly urges all donor countries to implement fully and expeditiously their commitments in all areas, as set out in the Programme of Action, so as to provide adequate external support to the least developed countries, and keep under continuous review the possibility of implementing further new steps in specific areas of importance to the least developed countries;

"6. Welcomes the decision to upgrade the unit of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development that deals with the least developed countries to a division, and expresses the hope that the division will concentrate more fully on the problems and requirements of the least developed countries;

"7. Invites the governing bodies of the organs, organizations, agencies and programmes of the United Nations system to continue to take the necessary and appropriate measures for effective implementation and follow-up of the Programme of Action within their respective spheres of competence and according to their mandates;

"8. Invites the preparatory bodies of all major forthcoming meetings and conferences of the United Nations system to take into account the outcome of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

4/ A/46/566.

"9. Requests the Secretary-General, in conformity with paragraph 142 of the Programme of Action, 3/ to continue to ensure the full mobilization and coordination of all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in the implementation and follow-up of the Programme of Action, in close collaboration with the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation, the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the secretariats of the regional commissions and the lead agencies for the aid groups;

"10. Calls upon all organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to establish focal points for the least developed countries, if they have not already been established, and to strengthen the existing ones in order to involve them actively in the implementation tasks throughout the 1990s, and also calls upon them to take steps to operationalize the recommendations contained in the Programme of Action that fall within their area of competence;

"11. Urges all Governments, international and multilateral organizations, regional economic integration organizations and relevant non-governmental organizations to continue to pay special attention to the problems of the least developed countries, and, in this regard, welcomes the Tokyo Forum on the development problems of the least developed countries, organized in Tokyo from 13 to 15 May 1991 by the Government of Japan in collaboration with the United Nations Capital Development Fund;

"12. Deeply appreciates the contributions of the Governments of Finland, Italy, the Netherlands and Norway to specific programmes of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development for the least developed countries;

"13. Emphasizes once again the importance of economic and technical cooperation between the least developed countries and other developing countries, and, in that regard, highly recommends mechanisms of economic and technical cooperation among developing countries to strengthen the development efforts of the least developed countries and urges the development partners to assist in such activities;

"14. Stresses the importance of effective follow-up and monitoring mechanisms for the Programme of Action, and, in that context, requests the Secretary-General to make resources available from the regular budget of the United Nations to meet the cost of participation of at least one representative of each least developed country at the spring session of the Trade and Development Board, which, in accordance with the provisions of the Programme of Action and Assembly resolution 45/206, will undertake the annual review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action;

"15. Calls upon the international community to continue to assist the land-locked and island least developed countries in coping with their special problems, in line with the relevant recommendations contained in the Programme of Action;

"16. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session a report on the implementation of the present resolution and to report, on a continuing basis, on the implementation of the provisions of the Programme of Action."

3. A statement by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution, submitted in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, was subsequently circulated in document A/C.2/46/L.97.

4. At its 57th meeting, on 10 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.104), submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Bozorgmehr Ziaran (Islamic Republic of Iran), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.68.

5. The Committee was informed that the programme budget implications contained in document A/C.2/46/L.97 did not apply to draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.104.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.104 without a vote (see para. 8).

7. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.104, draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.68 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

8. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 45/206 of 21 December 1990, in which it endorsed the Paris Declaration and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s, adopted by the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries,

Deeply concerned about the continuing deterioration in the socio-economic situation of the least developed countries as a whole and the adverse impact of the recent unforeseen external developments and other emergencies on their overall socio-economic situation,

Recalling the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, 1/ in which it was stated, inter alia, that it would be essential to stem the increasing marginalization of the least developed countries and to reactivate their growth and development through comprehensive national action and international support measures,

Reaffirming the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, 2/ in which Member States stressed, inter alia, the need for full implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s, adopted by the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, held in Paris from 3 to 14 September 1990, 3/

Recalling that the prime objective of the Programme of Action is to arrest the further deterioration in the socio-economic situation of those countries, to reactivate and accelerate their growth and development and, in the process, to set them on the path of sustained growth and development,

Reaffirming the basic principles outlined in the Programme of Action as the basis for action by the least developed countries and their development partners, including international organizations, financial institutions and development funds, to promote fundamental, growth-oriented transformation of the economies of those countries,

Recalling the solemn commitment of the international community, as contained in the Paris Declaration, adopted by the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, 3/ to implement the Programme of Action throughout the 1990s,

Stressing that successful implementation of the Programme of Action will depend on shared responsibility and strengthened partnership for the growth and development of the least developed countries,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General; 4/

2. Calls upon all Governments, international and multilateral organizations, financial institutions and development funds, the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and all other organizations concerned to take concrete measures to implement fully the Programme of Action as a matter of urgency;

3. Reaffirms that the least developed countries have the primary responsibility for the formulation and effective implementation of national policies and priorities for their growth and development and should continue to implement the commitments they undertook at the Paris Conference and, in that context welcomes the fundamental and far-reaching changes that have been or are being initiated in the least developed countries;

4. Stresses that the implementation of growth and development-oriented domestic policy initiatives by the least developed countries deserves the increased support of all their development partners;

5. Strongly urges the international community, in particular the donor countries, to implement fully and expeditiously their commitments in all areas, as set out in the Programme of Action, so as to provide adequate external support to the least developed countries, and keep under review the possibility of implementing further new steps in specific areas of importance to the least developed countries;

6. Welcomes the decision to upgrade to a division, the unit of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development that deals, inter alia, with the least developed countries and expresses the hope that the division will concentrate more fully on the problems and requirements of the least developed countries;

7. Invites the governing bodies of the organs, organizations, agencies and programmes of the United Nations system to continue to take the necessary and appropriate measures for effective implementation and follow-up of the Programme of Action within their respective spheres of competence and according to their mandates;

8. Invites the preparatory bodies of all relevant forthcoming major meetings and conferences of the United Nations system to take into account the outcome of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

9. Requests the Secretary-General, in conformity with paragraph 142 of the Programme of Action, 3/ to continue to ensure the full mobilization and coordination of all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in the implementation and follow-up of the Programme of Action, in close collaboration with the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation, the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the secretariats of the regional commissions and the lead agencies for the aid groups;

10. Calls upon all relevant organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to establish focal points for the least developed countries, if they have not already been established, and to strengthen the existing ones in order to involve them actively in the implementation of the Programme of Action throughout the 1990s, and also calls upon them to take steps to operationalize the recommendations contained in the Programme of Action that fall within their area of competence;

11. Urges all Governments, international and multilateral organizations, regional economic integration organizations and relevant non-governmental organizations to continue to pay special attention to the problems of the least developed countries, and, in this regard, deeply appreciates the Tokyo Forum on the development problems of the least developed countries, organized

in Tokyo from 13 to 15 May 1991 by the Government of Japan in collaboration with the United Nations Capital Development Fund;

12. Deeply appreciates the contributions of individual countries to specific United Nations programmes for the least developed countries;

13. Emphasizes once again the importance of economic and technical cooperation between the least developed countries and other developing countries, and, in that regard, highly recommends mechanisms of economic and technical cooperation among developing countries to strengthen the development efforts of the least developed countries and urges the development partners to assist in such activities;

14. Stresses the importance of effective follow-up and monitoring mechanisms for the Programme of Action, and, in that context, requests the Secretary-General to mobilize extrabudgetary resources to ensure the participation of at least one representative of each least developed country at the spring session of the Trade and Development Board, which, in accordance with the provisions of the Programme of Action and General Assembly resolution 45/206, will undertake the annual review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action;

15. Calls upon the international community to continue to assist the land-locked and island least developed countries in addressing their special problems, in line with the relevant recommendations contained in the Programme of Action;

16. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution and to report, on a continuing basis, on the implementation of the provisions of the Programme of Action.

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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION: WORLD DECADE FOR CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Report of the Second Committee (Part V)*

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on item 77 (see A/45/645, para. 2). Action to be taken on sub-item (c) was considered at the 42nd and 53rd meetings, on 15 November and 2 December. An account of the Committee's consideration of the item is contained in the relevant summary record (A/C.2/46/SR.42 and 53).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolutions A/C.2/45/L.50

2. At its 42nd meeting, on 15 November, the representative of Ghana, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are also members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.50), entitled "World Decade for Cultural Development".

3. At the 53rd meeting, on 2 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Bozorgmehr Ziaran (Islamic Republic of Iran), informed the Committee that, as a result of informal consultations, the following revisions had been agreed upon:

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* The report of the Committee on this item will be issued in 12 parts (see also A/46/645/Add.1-11).

(a) In operative paragraph 3 (a), after "Decade," replace "as well as" by "including"; and

(b) In operative paragraph 3 (b), the last word "Organizations" should read "Organization".

4. The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.50, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 10, draft resolution I).

B. Draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.51

6. At its 42nd meeting, on 15 November, the representative of Norway, also on behalf of Costa Rica, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, Guatemala, Honduras, Iceland, Indonesia, Mexico, Mozambique, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Peru, Romania, Suriname, Sweden, Turkey, the United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela and Yemen, subsequently joined by Malawi, Malaysia and Samoa, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.51), entitled "World Commission on Culture and Development".

7. At the 53rd meeting, on 2 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Bozorgmehr Ziaran (Islamic Republic of Iran), informed the Committee that, as a result of informal consultations, the following revisions had been agreed upon:

(a) In operative paragraph 2, add the words "as the latter proceeds" between "Organization" and "in";

(b) In operative paragraph 3, replace the word "Requests" by "Expects".

8. The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

9. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.51, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 10, draft resolution II).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

10. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

World Decade for Cultural Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 41/187 of 8 December 1986, in which it proclaimed the period 1988-1997 the World Decade for Cultural Development, to be observed under the auspices of the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

Taking into consideration Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/65 of 26 July 1991,

Acknowledging with satisfaction the progress made by Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in implementing the Plan of Action for the World Decade for Cultural Development, 1/ and encouraging them to pursue their efforts in this respect, especially in the context of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, 2/

Taking into account resolution 26 C/3.2 adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its twenty-sixth session,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the progress of the World Decade for Cultural Development (1988-1997) during the period 1990-1991; 3/

2. Approves the recommendation contained in paragraph 89 (d) of the report, aimed at focusing the mid-term review on preparing a provisional evaluation of the implementation of the World Decade for Cultural Development, reviewing some of its goals, selecting a more limited number of priorities and defining specific tasks for the second phase of the Decade, so as to give greater impetus to the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Decade;

3. Invites the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to undertake the preparation of a global mid-term review of the World Decade for Cultural Development, to be carried out by the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, in 1994; the preparation should include the following:

1/ E/1986/L.30, annex.

2/ Resolution 45/199.

3/ A/46/160-E/1991/66.

(a) Written consultations with Member States and appropriate international governmental and non-governmental organizations, to be carried out by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in 1992, with the aim of evaluating the implementation of the Decade, including an evaluation of the cultural factors influencing the development of the cultural sector as a potential creator of jobs and generator of income, to be carried out by the regional commissions in 1993, as specified by the Assembly in paragraph 3 of its resolution 45/189 of 21 December 1990;

(b) The elaboration of a summary evaluation report based on the results obtained from the written consultations with Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as on the contributions from the regional commissions; the summary evaluation report would serve as the main working document for the mid-term review and would be prepared by the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;

(c) An examination of the summary evaluation report by the Intergovernmental Committee of the World Decade for Cultural Development, established by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in its resolution 24 C/11.13;

4. Invites all States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, to contribute actively to the mid-term review of the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Decade.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

World Commission on Culture and Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 41/187 of 8 December 1986, in which it proclaimed the period 1988-1997 the World Decade for Cultural Development,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/65 of 26 July 1991, in which the Council noted the suggestion made at the 11th meeting of the First (Economic) Committee, on 18 July 1991, that the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization jointly establish an international commission to prepare a report on culture and development,

Noting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the progress of the World Decade for Cultural Development (1988-1997) during the period 1990-1991, 4/

4/ A/46/160-E/1991/66.

1. Takes note of resolution 26 C/3.4 of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the establishment of a World Commission on Culture and Development;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to cooperate with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization as the latter proceeds in:

(a) Establishing an independent World Commission on Culture and Development comprising women and men drawn from all regions and eminent in diverse disciplines, to prepare a world report on culture and development and proposals for both urgent and long-term action to meet cultural needs in the context of development;

(b) Appointing, after such consultations as they deem necessary, the Chairperson of the Commission and, in cooperation with the Chairperson, selecting the other twelve members of the Commission;

3. Expects the World Commission to submit its final report to the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and to the United Nations General Assembly no later than three years after it begins its work, and to direct its report to intergovernmental, governmental and non-governmental forums, to individuals and to the general public in order to promote wide dissemination and follow-up;

4. Decides to consider the report of the World Commission on Culture and Development at an appropriate future session.

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Report of the Second Committee (Part VI)*

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on item 77 (see A/46/645, para. 2). Action to be taken on sub-item (d) was considered at the 22nd, 33rd, 56th and 57th meetings, on 29 October, 6 November and 6 and 10 December 1991. An account of the Committee's consideration of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/46/SR.22, 33, 56 and 57).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.18

2. At the 22nd meeting, on 22 October, the representative of Ghana, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.18) entitled "Technical cooperation among developing countries".

3. At the 57th meeting, on 10 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ioan Barac (Romania), informed the Committee that, as a result of informal consultations, it had been agreed to revise the draft resolution by deleting operative paragraph 2, which read:

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* The report of the Committee on this item will be issued in 12 parts (see also A/46/645/Add.1-11).

"2. Also reaffirms the continued importance of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries as the principal forum in which representatives of all the States Members of the United Nations and other relevant bodies of the United Nations system review and promote technical cooperation among developing countries;"

and renumbering the subsequent paragraphs.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.18, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 10, draft resolution I).

B. Draft resolutions A/C.2/46/L.32 and L.93

5. At the 33rd meeting, on 6 November, the representative of Botswana, on behalf of Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritania, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.32), entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Coordination Conference". Subsequently Burkina Faso, Canada, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Uganda joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Affirming its resolution 37/248 of 21 December 1982, in which it, inter alia, requested the Secretary-General to promote cooperation between the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and the Southern African Development Coordination Conference and urged intensification of contacts in order to accelerate the achievements of the Lusaka Declaration of 1 April 1980, by which the Conference was established, 1/

"Recalling resolution 44/221 of 22 December 1989,

"Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Conference, 2/

"Noting the efforts made by the Conference in implementing its Programme of Action, 3/

1/ See A/38/493, annex I.

2/ A/46/481.

3/ See A/42/452, sect. II.

"Reaffirming its recognition that successful implementation of these development programmes can be achieved only if the Conference has adequate resources at its disposal,

"Welcoming Namibia's membership in the Conference which brings added impetus for expanding and intensifying economic cooperation in Southern Africa,

"Further noting that the effects of destabilization and aggression on the economies of independent southern African countries demand the institution of rehabilitation programmes to regenerate those economies,

"Deeply concerned about the escalating violence in South Africa which is often abetted by the agents of the regime in spite of the signing of the National Peace Accord on 14 September 1991,

"Noting with concern that the violence in South Africa diminishes prospects for peace in the entire southern African region,

"Noting the progress made by some organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in working out mechanisms for formulating and executing cooperation with the Conference,

"1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General, which describes the progress made in the implementation of the resolutions of the General Assembly dealing with cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Coordination Conference; 2/

"2. Commends the Member States and organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system that have maintained, enhanced and initiated development cooperation with the Conference;

"3. Calls upon the Member States and organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system that have not yet established contact and relationships with the Conference to explore the possibility of doing so;

"4. Commends the Conference for the considerable achievements it has made since its founding in implementing projects covering all the sectors of cooperation;

"5. Takes note with interest of the reforms under way within the Conference in order better to address the challenges of regional cooperation in the 1990s;

"6. Renews its appeal to the international community to increase substantially its financial, technical and material support to the Conference in order to enable it to implement fully its expanded Programme of Action which now includes the sectors of marine fisheries and resources and information and culture, and to meet the needs of reconstruction and rehabilitation;

"7. Appeals to the specialized agencies and other organs and organizations of the United Nations system to continue to cooperate fully in the development programmes of the Conference in order to enhance its capacity to tap the full potential of the resources of the region;

"8. Calls upon the international community to maintain pressure on the South African regime to end the violence and thus encourage the full and speedy implementation of the National Peace Accord in South Africa as well as contribute to the advancement of the process towards a democratic transformation of the country;

"9. Welcomes the peace agreements in Angola and the peace process in Mozambique, and calls upon the international community to encourage and support these developments;

"10. Appeals to the international community to extend assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the economies of Angola and Mozambique;

"11. Further appeals to the international community urgently to extend assistance to the newly independent nation of Namibia to enable it to implement its national development programme;

"12. Invites the donor community and other cooperating partners to participate at a high level in the Annual Consultative Conference of the Southern African Development Coordination Conference, to be held at Maputo from 29 to 31 January 1992;

"13. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Executive Secretary of the Southern African Development Coordination Conference, to continue to intensify contacts aimed at promoting and harmonizing cooperation between the United Nations and the Conference;

"14. Further requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

6. At the 56th meeting, on 6 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ioan Barac (Romania), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.93), which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.32.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.93 without a vote (see para. 10, draft resolution II).

8. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.93, draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.32 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

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9. At its 57th meeting, on 10 December, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of reports under item 77 (d) on which no draft proposals had been submitted (see para. 11, draft decision).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

10. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Technical cooperation among developing countries

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, 4/ and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, 5/

Recalling its resolutions 33/134 of 19 December 1978, in which it endorsed the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, 6/ and 44/222 of 22 December 1989, as well as other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly,

Stressing that technical cooperation among developing countries is an indispensable and integral part of their efforts to accelerate development and should act as a springboard for enhancing the integration of the developing countries into the international economy based on equity and mutual benefit,

Stressing also that technical cooperation among developing countries remains a key element in global economic cooperation, its purpose being not to displace North-South cooperation with South-South cooperation but to complement the former within a cooperative framework that is truly universal,

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4/ Resolution S-18/3, annex.

5/ Resolution 45/199, annex.

6/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, Buenos Aires, 30 August-12 September 1978 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11 and corrigendum), chap. I.

Reaffirming that, while developing countries have the primary responsibility for promoting technical cooperation among themselves, developed countries, and the United Nations system should assist and support such activities and that the United Nations system should play a prominent role as promoter and catalyst of technical cooperation among developing countries, in accordance with the Buenos Aires Plan of Action,

1. Reaffirms the continued validity of the recommendations of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries and the importance of technical cooperation among developing countries;

2. Endorses the decisions adopted by the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries at its seventh session; 7/

3. Urges all Member States, the United Nations Development Programme and other relevant organs, organizations, bodies and programmes of the United Nations system to give high priority in their particular fields of activity to the support, including financial support, of activities in technical cooperation among developing countries;

4. Urges the United Nations Development Programme to take the lead in assisting developing countries in overcoming the problems encountered in their efforts to promote and implement activities in technical cooperation among developing countries;

5. Calls upon the international community to take the necessary measures to implement the commitments agreed upon in the context of technical cooperation among developing countries;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Coordination Conference

The General Assembly,

Affirming its resolutions 37/248 of 21 December 1982, 38/160 of 19 December 1983, 39/215 of 18 December 1984, 40/195 of 17 December 1985, 42/181 of 11 December 1987 and 44/221 of 22 December 1989, in which it, inter alia, requested the Secretary-General to promote cooperation between the

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7/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 39 (A/46/39), annex I.

organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and the Southern African Development Coordination Conference and urged intensification of contacts in order to accelerate the achievement of the objectives of the Lusaka Declaration of 1 April 1980, by which the Conference was established, 8/

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Conference, 9/

Noting the efforts made by the Conference in implementing its Programme of Action, 10/

Reaffirming its recognition that successful implementation of the development programmes of the Conference can be achieved only if the Conference has adequate resources at its disposal,

Welcoming Namibia's membership in the Conference, which brings added impetus for expanding and intensifying economic cooperation in southern Africa,

Noting that the effects of war, loss of life and destruction of economic and social infrastructures in southern Africa demand the continuation and strengthening of rehabilitation programmes to regenerate the economies of the independent countries of the region,

Recognizing the positive developments in South Africa, including prospects for the start of negotiations on a democratic non-racial constitution,

Deeply concerned about the current violence in South Africa, resulting from actions of forces opposed to democratic transformation,

Welcoming the signing of the National Peace Accord on 14 September 1991 in South Africa, effective implementation of which should strengthen prospects for peace in the entire southern African region,

Noting the progress made by some organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in working out mechanisms for formulating and executing cooperation with the Conference,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General, 9/ which describes the progress made in the implementation of the resolutions of the General Assembly dealing with cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Coordination Conference; 10/

8/ See A/38/493, annex I.

9/ A/46/481.

10/ See A/42/452, sect. II.

2. Commends the Member States and organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system that have maintained, enhanced and initiated development cooperation with the Conference;

3. Calls upon the Member States and organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system that have not yet established contact and relationships with the Conference to explore the possibility of doing so;

4. Commends the Conference for the considerable achievements it has made since its founding in implementing projects covering all the sectors of cooperation;

5. Takes note with interest of the reforms under way within the Conference in order better to address the challenges of regional cooperation in the 1990s;

6. Renews its appeal to the international community to increase its financial, technical and material support for the Conference in order to enable it to implement fully its expanded Programme of Action, which currently includes the sectors of marine fisheries and resources and information and culture, and to meet the needs of reconstruction and rehabilitation;

7. Appeals to the international community and relevant organizations of the United Nations system to extend appropriate assistance to the Conference to enable it to advance the process of regional economic integration, including eventual participation of a democratic, non-racial South Africa;

8. Calls upon the South African authorities and all parties in a position to do so to redouble efforts to end the violence;

9. Welcomes the peace agreements in Angola and the peace process in Mozambique, and calls upon the international community to encourage and support those developments;

10. Appeals to the international community to extend assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the economies of Angola and Mozambique;

11. Also appeals to the international community urgently to extend assistance to the newly independent nation of Namibia to enable it to implement its national development programme;

12. Invites the donor community and other cooperating partners to participate at a high level in the Annual Consultative Conference of the Southern African Development Coordination Conference, to be held at Maputo from 29 to 31 January 1992;

13. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Executive Secretary of the Southern African Development Coordination Conference, to continue to intensify contacts aimed at promoting and harmonizing cooperation between the United Nations and the Conference;

14. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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11. The Second Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

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The General Assembly takes note of the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General on economic and technical cooperation among developing countries; 11/

(b) Note by the Secretary-General on further strengthening and improving intergovernmental programming exercises for technical cooperation among developing countries. 12/

11/ A/46/478.

12/ A/46/570.